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In the name of Allah The Most Gracious The Most Merciful

A lecture addressed to the sisters, given by Sheikh Abu Qatadah al-Filistini (*May Allah Protect him*), in which he talks about the role played by the enemies of Islam in furthering women from their religion, and about the reality of the role played by her, and how her Hijab and Life have been withered… and the mistakes in which many women fall, even those who are religious.

Then he presents great role models, models from women who raised their sons upon the religion of Allah the Almighty…… relating the stories of noble women both in our times, and great women from history.

After that he talks about the important role of women of upbringing… in creating women and men, and upbringing their children upon the love of Jihad and sacrifice and martyrdom in the way of Allah the Almighty.

Here is the transcription of the audio lecture presented by Ash-Shamikha, hoping from Allah to benefit the Muslim women and Islam through it.

As-Salaamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakaatuhu

Praise is to Allah, abundant, worthy and blessed praise, and peace and blessings of Allah on our trustworthy messenger, the best of the creation and on his pure and good family and on his exalted companions, and those who follow them with righteousness until the Day of Judgment. Thereafter:

My dear sisters…

Today I have gathered with you in this meeting and my heart is tearing apart in pain and regret, and I shall speak frankly to women of all ranks as per their understanding, perception, education and comprehension, to be frank with them about what has been plotted for them from ancient times… what others have wanted to make of this woman, to divert her away from her nature, and expel her from her Islam, and make her abandon her religion.

Our societies, doubtlessly, prior to this phase and before imperialism came to our lands, I can't be frank except by saying, that the woman was oppressed. Our men in the villages and cities and valleys did not discover the value of women, and the greatness of this great creature in these societies and all societies.

The backward man who did not understand anything from the religion of Allah the Almighty, used to think that women are only pleasure and she is like the furniture of the house having no value, to the point that some of the Islamic societies even permitted men to kill their women without their family having the right to ask about her, for she was like a consumable product, or like money, a man may spend it and no one could ask about it, meaning that the look of the illiterate Muslims to the woman returned to what it was to the time of ignorance, not giving this creature any consideration or station. So when the people of falsehood came and saw the desperate condition of women and realized that it was the defense belt, that is, the key to all good and the key to all evil of societies is women, so from their great efforts in our land and our societies and families was to spoil the woman and remove her from her correct role in order to be capable of playing with her, and they removed her from being a play thing for the man of the house, to a plaything for all men! They came to our lands carrying sweet words, and lovely statements that call women to free her from her chains, and call women to know, as they claim her rights.

They told you O woman, and they are the evil, and after they studied the psychology of women and the present condition of women in our country, they came and told- You have been

transgressed O woman, and your rights have been digested- and all of this is correct and we do not argue or disagree with that.

But is the solution what they did?

Is the solution what has happened in our present day? Is the solution to get the woman out of her house and that in order to remove her from the look of ignorance to which people have returned is that the woman should become a mere luxury with her face being used for advertisement and attracting customers and her photos being used like cattle, her meat on display for every dog who drools, is this the solution?

Is the solution, my honorable sister-and honorable is she who obeys her Lord, is what has happened in our current age, that the woman should be loot for every person. Is the solution, my dear sister, that the body of woman that Allah has declared inviolable, and which Allah has protected, the Almighty, because she is a jewel, because the woman in the religion of Allah is a great jewel, that has to be protected and cared for. And no one should be allowed to come near her, except those who have been permitted by Allah… the woman has become a display item for traders to show off their products and on the newspapers, she is traded with as a commodity, that is used to attract customers, and to get money woman are used. this great jewel has become in the world of people, that creature that is loved by Allah , has become a commodity with no value, she is played with in her youth, and the flower of her life is stolen from her as long as she is the beautiful flower until when she ages –and she has to age- and she becomes old -and she has to grow old- she is thrown on the roadside, she finds no one to support her and no one to love her, she has no caretaker, no son to care for her or love her , and an old age house is searched for her, and she is thrown there, this poor woman.

Where is that glory when she was looked upon with greatness and even tons of money paid for her? Where has it become? She has not thought about these days. She did not think about it because her mind was lost in search of lust and fame. In search for the beauty of the world, in search for the luxury of the world, lost in her world, in the darkness of her world being toyed with, so she did not think about those days.

O honorable sister- and honorable is she, who obeys her Lord

For what reason were they careful about this woman, for a great matter have they removed you from your house, from your territory… they told you: why are you a servant of the house? And they named taking care of the kids serving and belittlement and disgrace, and they named the territory of the house as deprived, they told you, you are deprived, you are not allowed to go out of the house, is the man more worthy than you? Is he the one capable of everything? Is he the only one who has the right to go out to the world? And they confused you that the going

out of man to the world is fun, they did not reveal the truth to you, that the going out of man to the world is actually trouble, and it is tiresome as Allah the Almighty told Adam and Hawaa, he the Almighty said "Then let him not remove you from Paradise so you would suffer" look my dear sisters at this great verse. Allah told Adam and Hawaa (Then let him not remove you) that is Shaytan, may he not make you exit paradise, so Adam and hawaa came out of paradise but suffering is for who? Who is it that Allah specified suffering with? Is it woman or man? He said "Then let him not remove you from Paradise so you would suffer" so Allah the Almighty specified suffering for man, so the going out of man to earn a living and gather money and search for a house and goodness for his house, is actually suffering for him, but they deceived you sister, they told you that going out from the house is ease and specialty of men? Why don't you go out with him, you can work as he does, and study as he does and join with him in the pleasures of life- as they claim and what is the result?

The result was that the woman went out and answered the caller, and some women came out in Egypt… until today that place or the gathering ground is known as Tahrir (liberation) square, even today in Egypt they call it Tahrir square, and it was called so because the woman was deceived there by the words of kufr and shirk, the words of the enemy, they went out and gathered the women in that place, and removed the Hijab, the covering of purity and decency , she removed the Hijab in front of the women, this woman is called Huda Sharavi, and with her was her sister Safiyah Zaghlool, who was named falsely as the mother of Egyptians, this woman came out and gathered the women in the ground and removed the Hijab from her head, and declared that woman is free, so this ground was called Tahrir square, implying that it is the ground in which woman was freed… freed from her Islam and freed from her chastity and freed from her purity.

They took the woman to work, and they told her you should study and they dressed her especially to make her used to not covering herself since her childhood, and took her to the schools, they told us in the beginning that they are private schools but they did not stop at private schools but later called for co-ed, then they took her to the university, and instead of woman taking care of what she is supposed to by nature, of rearing the Muslim household and taking care of the house, and protecting the husband and establishing goodness, and abandoning pride, women started thinking of what men think, of what Allah called suffering (Then let him not remove you from Paradise so you would suffer) so the woman became the sufferer (Shaqiyah).

And now… I cannot describe the present of the woman better than what you can see in this country, what is it that you see in this country?

Today the woman gets up in the morning and instead of looking into the matter of her infant son or the matter of her husband who wants to prepare for going out to hardship outside the house, and instead of taking care of her house, she has started getting up in the morning like men, and thinks about her job, and goes out to earn money as it is obligatory upon her as she thinks just as it is upon men on equal terms, so they removed women to work and she joined the men, and Allah the Almighty created women and he knows that in her are qualities, and created men and he knows that in him are qualities and he knows that the condition of men does not become stable and the condition of women does not become stable except that one is separated from the other, for the saying of the prophet of Allah peace be upon him when "Whenever a man is alone with a woman the Devil makes a third".

They tell you that you are his colleague, his friend, and then they told you that you are his partner in life, so a partner should dispel a portion of the hardship, and a portion from the expense. The woman came out and sat beside man, and man started to drool like dogs because his eyes are never satisfied by women, nor his wife at home, and instead he starts looking for forbidden meat that has been described by the prophet peace be upon him when he was elevated , and taken to the skies and "Then he saw a people who had in front of them excellent meats disposed in pots and also putrid, foul meat, and they would eat from the foul meat and not touch the good meat. He said: "What is this, O Jibril?" He replied: "These are the men from your Community who had an excellent, lawful wife at home and who would go and see a foul woman and spend the night with her" so like this the man has become insatiable that seeks and he destroyed his house and he tainted the sanctity of his neighbor and the sanctity of his friend, and they told her… look at what they told her crossing the limit to say: how is it possible for the backward eastern cultures to allow only men to take more than one wife? So you woman should also demand more than one husband, worse is what they say "Grave is the word that comes out of their mouths; they speak not except a lie" they say nothing but falsehood and perversion.

Yes men have become like dogs, unmindful, he can spread his evil everywhere, and he beautifies for woman and calls her and pulls her by a very delicate string, telling her: become free! And the perpetrators of this thought are the ones who are leading corruption in the entire world, the corruption of moral values thus spread in the societies, and families were destroyed, the son has become a destitute, with no father to look into his matters, and no mother to care for him, and no house to keep him, families were destroyed and societies were corrupted on the outside, humans have started crossing the streets as though they were in a zoo, and women have removed their clothes, while men tempt her with fragments of chocolates asking her to draw closer and closer, and with every passing phase, he makes her remove some of her dress,

from the dress of purity, and removes some of her grace, until woman has become a mere product, simple commodity of no value.

O sister… this is the condition of women in our lands, and I have to be frank with you, it is a must that I tell you a statement of truth.

There are even many Muslim women, who wear the Hijab and have been effected- more or less- with the call of spoiling the women, that have been named falsely and conspiringly as the call for freeing women, instead she has been effected with what is publicized on the TV, and with what she has read on the magazines, and effected with what is spread on the radios, effected that she has rights other than what Islam provides her, and she thought that she has the right to do as she pleases, and that she has no one to manage her, or to supervise her, or take care of her matter, until even in the houses of Muslims and religious Muslims are not free from corruption due to the lack of correct relation between men and women.

The woman thought that she has the freedom and especially in this country that encourages with its rights and conditions the independence of women, for women have right just like the men have rights, as she can take a house, and she can take a salary and she has rights just like the men instead she has some rights even greater than men, so women spoilt themselves and their houses, she says to her husband, what is the difference between me and you? You earn money and I earn money, you have the right to take a house and I have the right from the country to take a house, so you find the guts of women like the guts of men= I don't call women in this condition women, I can see only men, or half of men, and I also don't see men as men but halves of men- because women when they dropped some of their feminity and some of their selves as women, and some of their beings as women as Allah created them, the men are also bound to have given up some of their manhood at home, so the women became half men and half women and the man became half woman and half man, and the house was destroyed, and the problems increased, and the situations of divorce increased, and more spoilt kids were raised, a new picture was created in this country because the woman did not know her right, or her own value, and she did not humble before her husband, as Allah ordered, because Allah the Almighty says "Men are in charge of women" because the house can never be maintained except by the order of Allah, and the order of Allah the Almighty is that men are supposed to be in charge of the house, so if the maintaining is half of men and half on women what situation will this matter lead to? It will lead to the spoiling of the house and the destruction of the family and the ruin of life.

I am saying this now, my talk is about the religious women, because of what I have seen of poverty, and because of what I have seen in the lands of disbelievers this land in which we are living, the dareness of religious women when they saw a little glitter of money in their hands,

they became men, they became half of men, Allah the Almighty says, "Men are in charge of women by [right of] what Allah has given one over the other and what they spend [for maintenance] from their wealth" so when the woman started spending at home, she became the man, the maintenance became hers, and is the woman meant for that? Is the woman as Allah created her, and what Allah made innate in her, does she suit this role? She is not suitable for this job due to the saying of the messenger of Allah and he is the truthful, and when he says, may all mouths shut and all minds blunt, because the prophet peace be upon him speaks on behalf of his Lord the Almighty, the one who knows all secrets of humans and the nature of the creature, He peace be upon him says "those who entrust their affairs to a woman shall never know prosperity" they are never successful, even the family, and the nation is not successful, and societies are not successful, instead they will lose "those who entrust their affairs to a woman shall never know prosperity".

Does this mean, belittlement of women, does this mean to those who have changed their nature, does this mean as it is with the ignorant women, and those whom the media has played with their minds, does this mean O sister that women have no value?

We seek refuge with Allah to say such a thing, instead every value is hers, is she not the one who carries the infant in her stomach? Is it not her blood that runs in her sons? Is she not the one who feeds her baby and cares for it, as the prophet peace be upon him praised the women of Quraysh, for they are the most loving breasts for their sons, the son, the infant child, does he require the breast of his mother? Who is the one who can perform this duty; can thousands of men fill the gap of this woman in this door? Allah the Almighty made women's nature to sit at home and serve the children and care for the husband when the husband returns from work, from hardship, which Allah has named hardship, returns and he is in need of a smiling solace, and a loving hand, and a good word so that he is relived of all his tiredness, but if women return from work, and need what men need, then who is the one who will perform this job.

The man will find, O sister- and I will be frank with you- he will find the need for another woman, he will sit for a bit in the house and then he will go out to the houses of shamelessness and to another woman who will place her hand on his head and show him love, and after that what will happen my sister? What will happen is the destruction of the house, for the other woman will never show him affection of truthfulness and purity, instead it will be for some of his money, and some of his lust, and some of his manhood, and after that she will dispose him off, throwing him onto the road, unmindful, and then the woman will be forced to beat her face complaining, my house has been destroyed.

My sister, if you would like to know the end of the beautiful food, where shall you go to see its end, you will go to the spoilt food, so that the woman can see over there the end of the food,

and if you would like to see the end of the young singers, the adorned women who steal the looks, and you love to imitate them, if you want to know the end of those women, then go to the old age homes, and visit an old woman in the country from the disbelieving women, an old tried woman, who was shining in this world east and west, and went through all of the goodness of this world, and harvested from everything of life, go to her and ask her about her experience, tell her: with what do you advice me O elderly woman, you took from everything, and did not leave anything of your desires except that you were given, so what is the end? Give me the end of the experience.

And then go to the houses of old women in our lands, women in our land, when she grows old, she is called (Sitt) and the kids call that grandmother (Sitty) that means they call her (Sayyidati) they glorify her, they respect her, she works hard in her youth and relaxes in her old age. And the woman here when she is in most need for those who care for her, does not get an affectionate hand.

This is the condition of woman, this is the reason why men use women as a commodity to get the dogs to her meat and youth, until when they have got what they want, they left her as we have said without those to care for her feelings or her value, because she herself is the one who compromised on her value.

And I return and say that many woman from whom I see and hear from religious women have likened themselves to men and have left some of their feminity, more or less, because they have tried to compromise between religion and modern ignorant beliefs, yes what is happening… many women are trying to take something from religion and something from ignorance, and they name it falsely as modernism and originality.

They told women; you can wear what men wear, men wear pants and you can also wear pants, how is that possible? They said modernism and elegance! You are being just like the models and conforming to the modern life and you are also covered. How is that possible?

If what is correct from the saying of the scholars that the prayer of men in fitting pants that his prayer is disliked, the least of what is said, dislike of prohibition, why? Because wearing that dress fits around his private parts, instead it is a source of making satanic looks towards them, and I don't say this from my own side, for Abdullah has informed on the authority of the messenger of Allah peace be upon him "When a woman goes out Satan beautifies her in the eyes of men" yes, if she walks, Satan raises above her head a flag, he adorns her and calls people to her saying, look, if Allah the Almighty has said "And let them not stamp their feet to make known what they conceal of their adornment" that is, that it is prohibited for women to walk elegantly in such a way that men look at her. The women in the times of ignorance used to wear some gold or some tingles in her leg, and when she would pass by men she would bang her feet

so that men look at her, if something like this has been forbidden, so that men don't look at her and she is covered and wearing jilbaab, so that people don't look at her because Satan adorns her… then what should we say about these women? What do we say about that woman whose religiousness is laughed at? You are told; it's alright if you comply by something of Islam and something of modernism, they said there is a modern jilbab! What is the modern jilbab? What is the modern Khimaar? It is revealing, it is designed, it is prohibited for women. He peace be upon him said "If a woman applies perfume, she must not attend the night prayer with us" it is not allowed for her to go out of her house to the masjid, to pray, after she has applied perfume, because it then becomes a means of men to look at her, this is our religion, why? Because you are a jewel, and the jewel needs to be protected, because when it is revealed, then as Abu al usuud al duali said: the wolves prey on those who do not have dogs… the wolves attack who? Those who have no dogs, and when the woman goes out without her protection and she is adorned and perfumed so that men look at her, then the dogs attack her, and they are looking, and she in her foolishness and lack of understanding thinks that she is pretty, and that she has won the looks of men to her.

And some of the scholars sadly are careful to spread these thoughts, for they have been defeated in front of the age of Satan that they are living in, defeated, so instead of caring for women, they give fatwa to women, it is allowed for you to go out perfumed happy with yourself, a woman why should she be happy with herself? So that she is happy with the looks of people to her for she is beautiful and people look at her, he says "go out perfumed, happy with yourself" I cannot comprehend what is the definition of this word to a woman, but I can think of only one condition: a woman is happy to go perfumed because of the great number of onlookers. Just like dogs as they wander around meat. And they told her wear latest fashioned jilbab, and wear pants, and it is designed to hug the privates of women, and is luring, and Allah the Almighty has forbidden us from every matter that is close to fitna or be a means to the prohibited.

O woman

And in the core of this, was the true Islam

In this sweeping tide of shamelessness and lowness, and in this tornado that is rampant everywhere and has swept all goodness in our women and all goodness in our daughters, there were models of women… in the past and in the present… models of women from our mothers and sisters… great models of women, and models of believing women who were satisfied only

to raise up their sons on the love of martyrdom, and raising their children on goodness and jihad, and on the religion of Allah the Almighty.

I will talk to you about that woman who was not even 20; her husband was the one who performed the heroic daring operation when he blew the Jewish bus in the middle…

My dear sisters, listen to this story and take lesson…

A woman, a wife, who was not even 20, her husband was the one who performed the heroic daring operation when he blew the Jewish bus in the middle of Quds in a Jewish quarter. No one recognized him, and the news reached this woman that your husband is the one who performed the operation, the Jewish police came to her, they told her, see if he is your husband or not. She went to him and he was covered with a cloth, and his body was drenched in blood, the believing woman who was brought up on the recitation of Quran, and on the rulings of Islam… and he is her husband and she had a son from him, she had a son from him who was not even a year old.

She uncovered his face… she uncovered his face, she looked at him and told the officer, yes, he is my husband.

She did not cry, instead she reached for his chest, opened the pocket of his shirt, and took the copy of Quran from him, and placing it on her chest, she came out saying- congratulations to you O so and so on martyrdom.

A woman congratulating her husband on martyrdom

The last incident

Perhaps you have heard about the hijack of the French airplane that was performed by youth in the flower of their age, in the land of Algeria… there the youth are recording with blood and veins chapters of glory for the religion of Allah the Almighty.

4 youth in the flower of their age, entered and hijacked the airplane, the government wanted to pressurize the youth so it brought one of their mothers and made the woman say to her son, surrender yourself, and she was forced to say those words.

What was the reply of this believing youth?

He told her: by the will of Allah o mother, our meeting place is paradise

Yes, this was his reply and it made her cry… He told her: by the will of Allah O mother, our meeting place is paradise

Allah is the greatest… Allah is the greatest… Allah is the greatest… yes, it is paradise

Those youth and those women are enlivening in the Ummah, our lost glory, and the history of our fathers and ancestors.

Yes, they are enlivening the glory of Khansa, and I do not think there is a Muslim woman in the world except that she has heard the story of Khansa, Khansa sent her 4 sons to the battle of Qadisiyah, and told them, My sons, may I hear the news of your death but not the news of your cowardice, dare you ever run, may the news of your jihad and martyrdom reach me, and not the news of your cowardice or turning back.

In one night... An Arab mother shrouds her 4 sons… 4 sons and says to them: I hope from Allah to be called on the Day of Judgment O mother of the 4 martyrs.

Congratulations to her... on the 4 martyrs

O sister… o believing sisters

You are seeing this world today and what is in it, so where is beauty? And where is happiness?

Happiness is by meeting Allah... in entering the paradise

(And Allah presents an example of those who believed: the wife of Pharaoh) Allah the Almighty has given an example to the believing people that is men and women (the wife of Pharaoh) this woman was a queen who ruled and did as she willed, but when she heard the call of Tawheed she answered it, and followed it (Take what We have given you with determination) and took by it strongly, with what Allah had given her, and she left the rule of Pharaoh, and Pharaoh took her and killed her, so what was her call? This woman as Allah relates and talks about her said, he said the Almighty, "And Allah presents an example of those who believed: the wife of Pharaoh, when she said, "My Lord, build for me near You a house in Paradise" what did she say? "My Lord, build for me near You a house" that is she asked for neighborhood before a house, for he the Almighty will be a neighbor of the believers on the day of judgment, Allah, as he the Almighty said "In a seat of honor near a Sovereign, Perfect in Ability." so the woman said "My Lord, build for me near You a house in Paradise" she said near you first, I do not want any house but I want a house that is *close to you* o Lord, in paradise.

Would it be that all women understood this.

My dear sister… how do you spend your time in this age?

Let me talk to you about the women of Andalusia… Andalusia that is today Spain

Women in their free time used to occupy themselves by writing the Quran… yes that is the righteous woman who used to spend her time in remembering Allah and reading Quran, no lies, or backbiting, or slander, or visits to kill time, no the woman is busy with remembering Allah and hearing the religion of Allah and hearing Quran and teaching her children.

If the woman is brave, she teaches her children to be brave, and if she is miserly she teaches her children to be misers, and if she is charitable she teaches her children charity… the woman is that atmosphere, if it is good, those who live in it are healthy and safe, and if it is spoilt, those who live in it are sick and unhealthy.

The woman can make all the crimes of the world behind her, and she can create the greatest goodness and best of manners.

The woman is the key to everything… yes a woman can make her husband miserable… in such a way that he becomes miserable in every valley… and the woman can make her husband happy in such a way that he can be happy in every matter, a woman can tell her husband- yes spend in the way of Allah, and he shall spend in the way of Allah, and the woman can tell her husband- don't spend and be miserly, and he will be miserly.

The woman is the one who can make the man love the people and his family and serve his mother and father… and the woman can make the man despise his father and mother, and make him hate his brothers who gather with him in the way of Allah.

Woman is half of man, as the prophet peace be upon him said "Woman are siblings of men" so the stupid ignorant woman, do not do except stupid and ignorant and cheap things. And the clever and pure believing woman is the one who makes faith, purity manhood and bravery.

The righteous and heroic woman like Hind… ever heard of Hind? She is the daughter of Otbah, she is the one who trained her son Muawiyah to lead the world…. One of the days he was walking with her in the streets of Mecca, one of the men said to her seeing the smartness in the face of Muawiyah; your son will lead the Arab. She said, may I lose him, if he does not lead the world. This is the woman who taught her son to have great hopes, and to raise his dreams she is the one who taught her son goodness, and taught her son manhood.

And woman is also the one who can teach her son to be coward and miserly and low. By Allah my sisters what do you think will a son do when he sees his mother an ignorant with no sense of discretion, who does not care for her house, or respect her family, and does not value the

man and husband, and does not incite him to goodness, and push him to be good to people, and push him to spend in the way of Allah, how is this boy brought up in the house? There is no doubt that he will be raised as a sick, unhealthy ignorant and stupid person who is attached to cheap things.

My sister

I hope my letter has reached you. And my letter to this sister is, the wind of Islam is blowing now, and the battle of Islam and imaan against kufr is ongoing.

We have to train our kids for martyrdom… and train them for manhood… and train them for jihad.

Yes today, the battle of Islam is continuing…. So from where do we get men? From you, from your houses, from below your hands.

Yes… you today are the manufacturer of men…

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